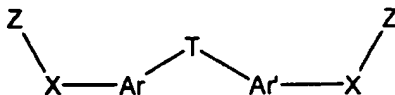


In the claims

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by 1:



wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence ~~R, acyl, trialkylsilyl,~~ alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or S(O)<sub>2</sub>OH;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent tether comprises an amide, ether, substituted amine or ester moiety;

~~R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;~~

R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-R<sub>80</sub>;

R<sub>80</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents independently for each occurrence a bond or O.

3. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O.

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5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or S(O)<sub>2</sub>OH.

6. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
7. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
8. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; and Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ .
9. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; and Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ .
10. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
11. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted aryl.
12. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
13. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X represents O; Z represents independently for each occurrence methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ; and Ar and Ar' represent independently for each occurrence optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl.
14. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents  $-C(O)NR-Q-NR-C(O)-$ ; Q is  $-(CH_2)_n-$  or heterocyclyl; and n is an integer selected from the range 2 to 10 inclusive, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

15. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents  $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-O-$ ; and Q represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

16. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents  $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-O-C(O)-$  or  $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-O-C(O)-(CH=CH)-$ ; and Q represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

17. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents  $-(CH_2)-NR-Q-$ ; and Q is a bond, alkyl, or heterocyclyl, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

18. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein T represents  $-CH_2CH(C(O)NHMe)-NRC(O)-Q-C(O)NR-G-$ ; Q is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, alkyl-O-alkyl, or alkyl-S-alkyl; and G is a bond, alkyl, or heterocyclyl, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

19. **(previously presented)** A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 20-40. **(canceled)**